

**MINUTES OF  
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
June 25, 2008  
7:00 P.M.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building  
10 Hotel Street  
Warrenton, VA 20186*

**Members Present:** Matthew Smith, Chairman, Peter S. Eltringham, William Nace, Sam Poles, Adrienne Garreau, and J. David Cubbage

**Members Absent:** Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, R. Holder Trumbo, Jeffrey Walker

**Guests Present:** Harriott Parcels (in lieu of Jeffrey Walker), Wes Kennedy, Ed Moore, and Brian Cohn

**Staff Present:** Susan Eddy, Rick Carr, Kimberly Abe, and Meredith Meixner

**1. Election of Officers**

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Mr. Poles and seconded by Mr. Eltringham, it was moved to nominate and elect Matthew Smith for Chairman and Laurence Mason for Vice Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2. Approval of May 28, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Mr. Poles and seconded by Mr. Smith, it was moved to approve the May 28, 2008 Committee meeting minutes, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Route 215**

Mr. Carr gave a Power Point presentation, a hard copy of which is attached to, and made part of, the official minutes.

The presentation gave an overview of the history and background of Route 215 from 1997 to present.

During the presentation, the following questions and points were brought up:

Mr. Smith noted that Route 215 is and has been the top transportation priority for the Board of Supervisors and Transportation Committee. Conversations have been had with Members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and unfortunately it will be around 2014 before funding is available from either the State or Federal Government.

Mr. Cabbage noted that the preliminary development phase is underway. He then gave a breakdown of the funds and how they will be allocated. The total allocation is \$2.7 million dollars. In the year of 2013 it is estimated that \$10,758,000 is allocated for the purchase of right of way. In the year of 2016, \$19,676,000 is allocated for the four lane widening from the beginning of Route 215 up to the Prince William County line.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Cabbage how the public and committees can assist with the process.

Mr. Cabbage responded that VDOT wants input from the County as to their vision.

Mrs. Eddy added that Mr. Trumbo wants the Transportation Committee to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Cabbage added that VDOT will provide all of the technical data necessary.

Mr. Carr emphasized that the County is now in a position to make desires formally known on the future of Route 215.

Ms. Garreau asked if this was the first time Route 215 has come forth to the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Smith answered that the topic of Route 215 has been discussed numerous times at past meetings.

Mr. Eltringham added that in the future many additional topics and issues will arise relating to Route 215.

Ms. Garreau asked how much wider the road will be.

Mr. Carr answered that the road will be approximately 60 feet wide around intersections.

Mr. Carr also mentioned that Sudley Manor Road (Route 215) was included in Prince William County's adopted 2008 Comprehensive Plan. It notes that the road will go from a minor arterial with a 102 foot right of way to a four lane road with a medium.

Mr. Eltringham questioned the options.

Mr. Carr explained that there are three major options. Option A is to construct a new route, Option B is to improve on the current route, Option C is to do nothing.

Mr. Cabbage mentioned that the plans for Route 215 are currently in the engineering design phase.

Mr. Eltringham questioned the need for more lanes and added that the Committee will need to be educated on all options.

Ms. Garreau questioned the significance of a rural principal arterial.

Mr. Carr answered that the significance is primarily due to the volume of traffic.

Mr. Nace mentioned that an example of a rural principal arterial is the Manassas by-pass.

Mr. Eltringham added that the Committee needs to look at what is needed, not necessarily what other jurisdictions have done.

Mr. Nace questioned whether a Parkway option was possible.

Mr. Cubbage added that additional measures would have to be taken if that option was chosen.

Mr. Carr explained to the group that additional technical data would be provided at future meetings.

Mr. Poles asked for the total amount of land that Mr. Blake owns on the Fauquier County side.

Mr. Carr responded that he will provide graphics and specifics at a later date.

Ms. Garreau questioned the difference between the existing route and the alternative route.

Mr. Carr responded that the existing route has homes very close to the road, which will impact historical property.

Mr. Cubbage added that no matter what occurs and where the road is divided, there may be battlefields that will be affected.

Mr. Eltringham questioned if there are documented public battlefields existing there yet.

Ms. Abe answered, not at the present time.

After Mr. Carr's presentation, Ms. Abe followed with an additional presentation on the historical resources in the Route 215 area and throughout the county. A hard copy of this presentation is attached to, and made part of, the official minutes.

#### **4. *Citizens' Time***

Mr. Cohn asked what steps will be taken and what the process and time line will be for modernizing Route 215.

Mr. Carr replied that the Transportation Committee will consider the issue. The Transportation Committee will then submit a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will then review and take action. VDOT will then adjust its plans as needed. He also noted that there is no time line available at this time.

Mr. Cubbage added to the discussion by stating that there are various studies currently occurring with more in the future. Such studies include the Rt. 29 Corridor Study.

#### **5. *Other Items***

Mr. Smith asked the guests from Brookside Communities, LLC how they had heard about the proposed changes on Route 215.

Mr. Cohn replied that they have been following the issue since the late 1980's and they learned of the meeting from the County's e-alert system.

Mr. Carr informed the members and guests that the County is establishing a Traffic Impact Fee Analysis Committee. It will consist of all magisterial members of the Transportation Committee plus two additional members, to be decided in the future.

State regulations require that 40 percent of the committee must have a real estate, development, and/or construction background. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Carr asked the committee members if there will be a scheduled meeting in August.

After discussion, Mr. Smith stated that, as with previous years, there will be no scheduled Transportation Committee meeting in August.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51p.m.  
The next meeting will be held July 30, 2008.